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Border Patrol Agents Seize Marijuana and Methamphetamines *709 Pounds of Marijuana; 15 pounds of Crystal Meth*

YUMA, Ariz. – Border Patrol Agents from the Yuma Sector made two major contraband seizures this morning. Agents seized 709 pounds of marijuana near the Colorado River and nearly 15 pounds of methamphetamines at the Border Patrol Checkpoint on Interstate 8. The marijuana was valued at \$567,280.00 while the methamphetamine value was \$238,400.00.

At 8:15 a.m., agents working near County 14 and the river encountered an abandoned pickup truck with the engine still running. The agents discovered 31 bundles of marijuana in the bed of the pickup. The agents tracked footprints leading away from the truck and determined the suspect crossed the river into Mexico. Custody of the marijuana and the vehicle was transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Two hours after the marijuana seizure, agents working the checkpoint on Interstate 8 discovered 15 pounds of methamphetamines in the bumper of a compact vehicle. The drugs were located with the assistance of a Border Patrol canine. One suspect was arrested on the scene for transporting illegal contraband. The suspect, contraband and the vehicle were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation.

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